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H. R. 612

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to restore the link between the maximum amount of earnings by blind individuals permitted without demonstrating ability to engage in substantial gainful activity and the exempt amount permitted in determining excess earnings under the earnings test.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 1997

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. FROST, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. SPRATT, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. KLECZKA, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. COYNE, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, and Ms. KAPTUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. RESTORATION OF LINK BETWEEN RULES RE-**
 4 **LATING TO SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY**
 5 **FOR BLIND INDIVIDUALS AND RULES RELAT-**
 6 **ING TO EXCESS EARNINGS UNDER THE EARN-**
 7 **INGS TEST.**

8 Section 223(d)(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
 9 U.S.C. 423(d)(4)(A)) is amended by striking “No individ-
 10 ual who is blind” and all that follows through “had not
 11 been enacted.” and inserting “No individual who is blind
 12 shall be regarded as having demonstrated an ability to en-
 13 gage in substantial gainful activity on the basis of earn-
 14 ings that do not exceed an amount equal to the exempt
 15 amount under section 203(f)(8) which is applicable to in-
 16 dividuals described in subparagraph (D) thereof.”.

17 **SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

18 The amendments made by this Act shall apply with
 19 respect to taxable years ending after 1995.

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